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STATE FINANCIAL CONDITION VERY GOOD

Over Five and a Half Million Dollars
In Cash Is Now On Deposit in
All of the Funds.

The State's enormous cash deposits at this time is startling. On the first day of August the total cash in the treasury and depository was \$5,550,075.91. In addition, the State school land commission had private account aggregating \$59,031.48, and several State institutions had money on deposit in local banks. In the treasury proper there was \$2,447,660.90, and \$3,102,415.01 was in the depository. This money belonged to the following funds:

General revenue fund	\$1,400,195.27
Common school fund (interest, rentals, ad valorem tax and gross revenues)	1,053,926.45
Public building fund	266,650.31
Available for farm loans	1,060,461.57
Highway fund	156,209.02
Game protection fund	107,969.62
Consolidated school funds (to be appropriated)	54,642.85
Endowment and special educational institution funds	111,577.16
Gross production (one-third goes to counties)	455,410.50
Capitol cash fund (taken from game fund)	87,462.39
Unapportioned cash on hand	795,570.97

Total cash in treasury and depository \$5,550,075.91

Aside from the \$1,400,195.27 in the general revenue fund, the distribution of unapportioned cash will probably increase the cash in this fund nearly one-half million dollars, against which was outstanding on the date of this report \$233,000, includ-

ing interest accrued. Total appropriations of \$1,692,032.23 were made by the regular and special sessions for public buildings and improvements. These appropriations are all due thirty months from the date of approval. The amount unexpended of these appropriations is more than covered by funds now in the treasury or in the depository which will go into the treasury to the credit of general revenues. The total of appropriations for the general expenses of State government for the year ending June 30, 1917, is \$3,556,248.84. The levy for 1917 will return, deducting the legal 20 per cent for delinquencies, \$1,494,026.40, which will leave \$2,062,222.44 yet to be raised for indirect revenues, less whatever may be added from surplus collections from previous years. The estimate of indirect revenues for the year is \$2,111,259.54.

The finances of the State are consequently, from present indications, in excellent condition.

The enormous fund in the State treasury is another matter. That there can be at any time a fund in cash in excess of five million dollars without even a hypothetical surplus, is evidence that the revenue laws are not sufficiently tight. — Harlow's Weekly.

HOW'S THIS FOR A BOOZE CATCH

The Holdenville Democrat reports a seizure of 1364 quarts of whisky last week, which had been secreted in a carload of hay being shipped from Minden, Mo., to Krebs, Okla. The discovery of the booze came when the car, reported in bad condition, was being repaired.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

Compulsory Attendance Law Will Be
Invoked.—Enrollment Heavy.
Thirty-Five People Are
in the Faculty

The public schools opened Monday with a record enrollment, and this is expected to be swelled when the dragnet for pupils lawfully in school, but trying to lay out, has been pulled in. The compulsory attendance law is being rigidly enforced, and the schools and city authorities are co-operating on it.

The first day, Monday, was taken up with classification and getting of books, after which work was begun in all of the schools. Dismissal the end of this week for the Fair has been announced, and on one of the days a school pageant will be given. The faculty list, numbering 35 teachers, in addition to the superintendent, is as follows:

Superintendent—O. E. Parris.
High School — C. S. Whitney, principal and teacher of mathematics; S. J. Smith, science and mathematics; M. E. Crane, English and athletics; Miss Lela Lee, Latin; Miss Charlotte Anderson, history; Miss Mary Lou Boyd, domestic science.

North Ward — Miss Lois Jarrell, first grade; Miss Pearl Arnold, second grade.

Central Ward — R. C. Cantrell, principal, and teacher of the eighth grade; Mrs. Edith B. Dunagan, seventh grade; Miss Mabel Penn, sixth grade; Miss Bortha Creswell, fifth and fifth grades; Miss Myrtle Watson, fifth and fourth grades; Miss Ruby Stephenson, fourth grade; Miss Mabel Nolen, third grade; Mrs. Verna Washington, second grade; Mrs. C. Z. Houghton, first grade.

South Ward — W. S. Renick, principal, and teacher of the eighth grade; Mrs. C. G. Landers, seventh grade; Miss Cecile Parkinson, sixth grade; Miss Faye Evans, fifth grade; Miss Roxie Williamson, fourth grade; Miss Ethel, fourth A, and third B; Miss Lella Hampton, third B and second A; Miss Mary Hedges, second grade; Mrs. E. H. Stewart, first grade.

East Ward — J. S. Turner, principal and teacher of the eighth grade; Miss Lillian Morrow, seventh grade, to be supplied; Miss Bess Munson, fourth grade; Miss Mary Maddox, third grade; Miss Ethel Griffin, second grade; Miss Effie Murrell, first grade.

Supervisor of Music — Miss Leah Norwood, all grades at all schools.

RUNAWAY MONDAY EVENING

Third Avenue saw a runaway about 6 o'clock Monday evening that covered about 40 yards of ground, and lasted about 10 seconds, and at that looked about as bad as any that this writer has ever seen. A horse hitched to a single wagon belonging to the Martin dairy had been hitched behind the Durant Ice & Light Company's branch distributing station on Third Avenue, and, becoming frightened at something, broke loose, tore under the awning, tearing out two awning supports, and letting the roof sag, ran across the pavement, slipped on the paving, turned three double somersaults, and piled up in a heap on the sidewalk. The wagon was demolished, but the horse was not seriously injured.

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THE DECLINE OF COTTON PRICES

Ascribed to Heavy Hedge-Selling
Against Spots, Coupled With Gin-
ners' Reports Showing Heavier
Ginnings Than Last Year.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 14.—Last week in the cotton market was one of reaction and liquidation, and the prices have declined about 150 points from the high level reached shortly after the publication of the Government report, from which there was a moderate recovery. After the rapid and almost continuous advance throughout the month of August, a substantial reaction was to be expected.

The downward movement was inaugurated as a result of Southern hedge-selling against spots, a very heavy movement, and exceedingly heavy ginnings during the period (\$50,000 bales). All of this created a fear among speculative holders that the South would sell freely at the advance and brought about liquidation of many accounts. The impression also gained ground that many large interests that had not been identified with the recent advance were not adverse to some reaction at this time, which doubtless, would improve the technical position and furnish a better basis for an advance later on. At the decline, the market displayed a remarkably steady undertone, a renewed demand developed, and it looked as though cotton would be well taken at concessions.

Both the contract and spot markets were subjected for the first time this season to the test of marketing the new crop. It was but natural that high levels touched last week should prove very tempting to the growers. As a consequence, they have used every effort to quickly gather, gin and market their cotton, and advice to us from Texas indicate that the heavy ginnings for the period may be accounted for by the unprecedented weather and high prices. It is further stated that many farmers have picked more than one-half of their cotton.

Free selling of contracts as hedges against spots, as a protection against cotton that was not yet ready for shipment, was a feature of the week, and under the increased offerings of future and spot, it is not at all surprising that the sharp reaction occurred. The decline was also helped along by improved crop reports from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma, while indicated that some improvement had taken place since the belated rains had occurred, and it was also said that the condition of the crop in the Carolinas and Georgia was rather more favorable.

Operators at the present time seem anxious to observe the marketing policy that will be pursued by holders before attempting to force values higher again. While it was but natural to expect free marketing of cotton at recent levels it is not thought likely that holders will continue to press sales should the decline go much further. It would, therefore, not seem prudent to count too much on their forcing sales, as farmers are now in a much better financial condition than ever before; money is cheap and plentiful, and the fact that they have only raised a moderate crop will, we believe, induce a gradual marketing, unless the prices are entirely to their liking.

The State presidents of the Farmers' Unions in session here last week, went on record as advocating a minimum selling price of 15 cents per pound, and further said that existing conditions warranted much higher prices, even 20 cents per pound.

The American consumption continues about the same basis as last year, and exports up to this time are double what they were a year ago.

Cotton goods continue strong with a vigorous demand, with some goods to record prices. Mills, in some cases, have withdrawn their goods from the market, owing to the advance in raw cotton.

The prospect for the Indian crop is now said not to be nearly as good as earlier promised, and a recent report predicts a yield of 6,500,000 Cantar, as against the earlier promise of 8,000,000 Cantar.

The settlement of the railroad strike was regarded as a favorable development in the cotton market, but the possibility of the British government closing the Liverpool Cotton Exchange to protect finances, if it should materialize, would likely exert a temporary bearish movement and influence, by requiring the American markets to absorb considerable hedging that would naturally go to that market, and thus restricting operations.

Although the great majority of the trade seemed to regard the reaction last week as entirely normal the belief seems general that much higher prices are likely to be seen when the first rush of the movement of cotton to market has passed. For the time being the future course of prices depends almost entirely upon the freedom with which cotton is sold. It seems quite clear that spinners have, thus far, failed to lay in a surplus stock, although they are well sold ahead. If, therefore, a conservative marketing policy is pursued values could easily be forced higher again. Purchases, therefore, on a

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scale down, should prove profitable, unless the crop is marketed with undue haste, which would seem to be unnecessary under prevailing conditions.

Exports for the week were 86,828 bales, against 31,884 last year.

The visible supply at the end of the week was 2,691,805, against 2,791,793 last year.

Spinners takings for the week were 154,000, against 164,000 last year, and 84,000 in 1914.

Port stocks are 517,506 bales, as against 722,339 last year, and 245,629 in 1914.

Into sight for the week were 292,063, against 185,358 last year, and 91,649 in 1914.

Yours very truly,
THOMAS MAGINNIS.

J. W. Owens of this place has been selected as government farm agent for McClain county, of which Purcell is the county seat, thirty-five miles south of Oklahoma City, on the Santa Fe. He will commence his new duties on January 1. Miss Owens is one of the best farmers in this country, and has proven it by the degree of success he has attained.

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Justice R. C. Apple resigned his position last week, and W. S. Archibald, nominee for justice in the August primary, was selected by the county commissioners to fill the vacancy.

T. G. Bengel, of the Durant Cotton Oil Company, was in Boswell the fore part of the week looking after the business interests of the company at that point.

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EXHIBITS

The most comprehensive exhibits ever offered at the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition. will await visitors this year. A million dollars worth of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs; agricultural displays from 40 counties; the Cotton Show; prize-winning exhibits from all counties in the Boys' and Girls' Club contests; the Corn Show; demonstrations by a dozen tractors; State Fair School; implement field will be crowded; the model dairy milk house, a government exhibit; Oklahoma's various minerals in profusion; Culinary, Textile and Fine Arts, departments of interest to all women; Fruits, Flowers, bees and honey, Indian Exhibits, the Babies Health Conference—a bewildering array of interesting sights to see, that will well repay you for a visit. Oklahoma has never made a more attractive display of its resources. See it at its best. Bring the whole family.

AUTO RACES

Do you enjoy auto races? Six of the best known drivers in the country have entered the events scheduled for the two days.

SEPT. 27-30

A BIG AUTO SHOW

If you intend to buy a car, wait until you can see all of them. About 100 models will be on display, representing thirty makers.

MIDWAY

The Jones Exposition Shows will fill the popular Midway. More than a score of separate attractions will be found here.

FOOTBALL

Oklahoma University will start the big league season with Central State Normal of Edmond. Game in front of grand stand.

HIPPODROME VAUDEVILLE

A fine balanced bill comprising D'Carne, famous aerialist; Berlo Sisters, high diving nymphs; Grand Opera Quartette, one of the finest in the country; Bogany Troupe, eight comedy acrobats, and the famous Al Golem Troupe of Persians, twenty-one in the act beautiful. In front of the grand stand afternoon and evenings.

RACES

There will be four days of racing—harness and running. Big purses are offered. The K. and O. Futurity is a feature.

MAKOVSKY

and his famous Metropolitan band will provide the music for all occasions. They will appear in the grand stand and on the Plaza.

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The most spectacular and awe-inspiring attractions ever brought into Oklahoma. Three hundred people and thousands of dollars worth of fireworks used in its presentation. Every night, from Sunday to Friday in front of the grand stand.